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SUBJECT: Child Nutrition Database Release 15

TO: Child Nutrition Programs

The Child Nutrition Database Release 15 (CN15) was made available at the Healthy Meals Resource System website on April 1, 2011.   Computer software companies with software approved by the Department of Agriculture (USDA) for Nutrient Standard Menu Planning (NSMP) are required to update their software customers with CN15.   This release can be downloaded by visiting: http://healthymeals.nal.usda.gov/cndatabase.html.

The CN Database is an integral part of the nutrient analysis software approved by USDA for NSMP and other School Meals Initiative requirements.   We expect software companies with USDA-approved software to incorporate CN15 into their products and to make the new version of the software available to current users no later than July 5, 2011.   Anyone who does not receive an update with the current CN Database by July 5, 2011, should contact his or her software company.

The following chart provides a snapshot of the content of CN15 and a summary of new and updated items:

CN15 Content	Total in Category	New / Updated
Active Food Items	11,358	157 New / 1390 Updated
Standard Reference Food Items	2,839	115 New / 48 Updated
Food Industry Items	8,069	7 New / 1126 Updated
USDA Standardized Recipes	258	0 / 210
USDA [commodity] Food Items	192	35 New / 5 Updated
Nutrient Values	181,616	2,512 New / 2,923 Updated

It is important to note that school food manufactures may also visit the CN Database website at: http://healthymeals.nal.usda.gov/cndatabase.html to add and/or update the nutrient information for the products they make available to the school market place.   All new and updated nutrient information will be included with the next annual springtime release of the CN Database.

Please contact Tim Vázquez at (703) 305-2609, if you have any questions or if you determine that a software company is not updating their software to include the CN15 database.